

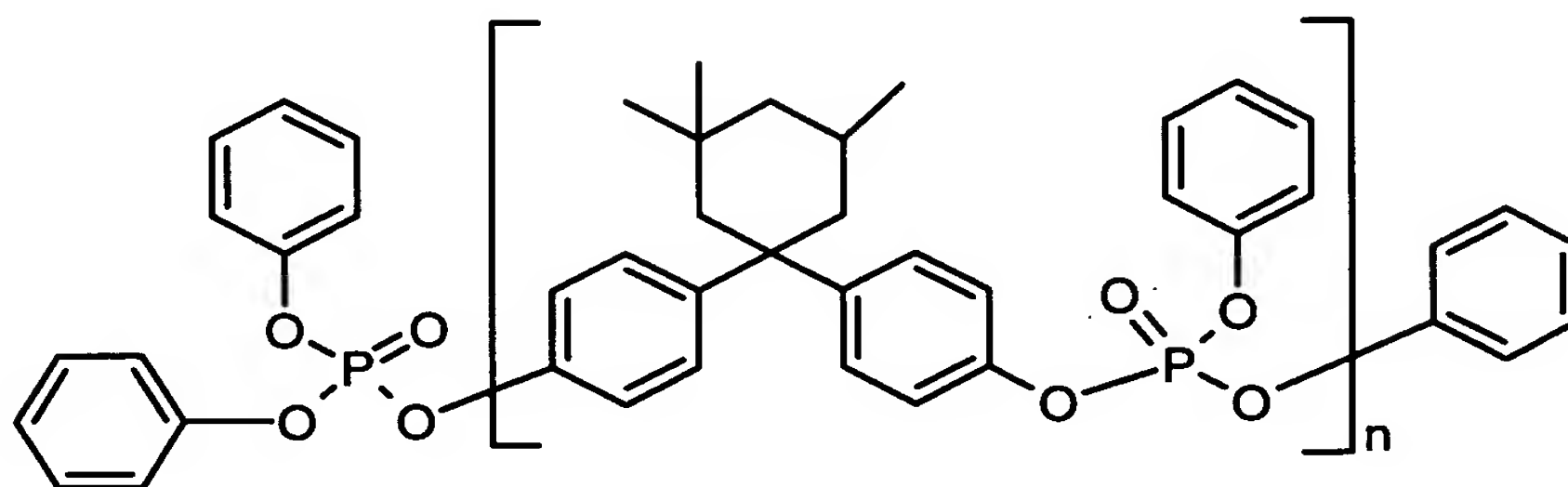
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-6 (cancelled).

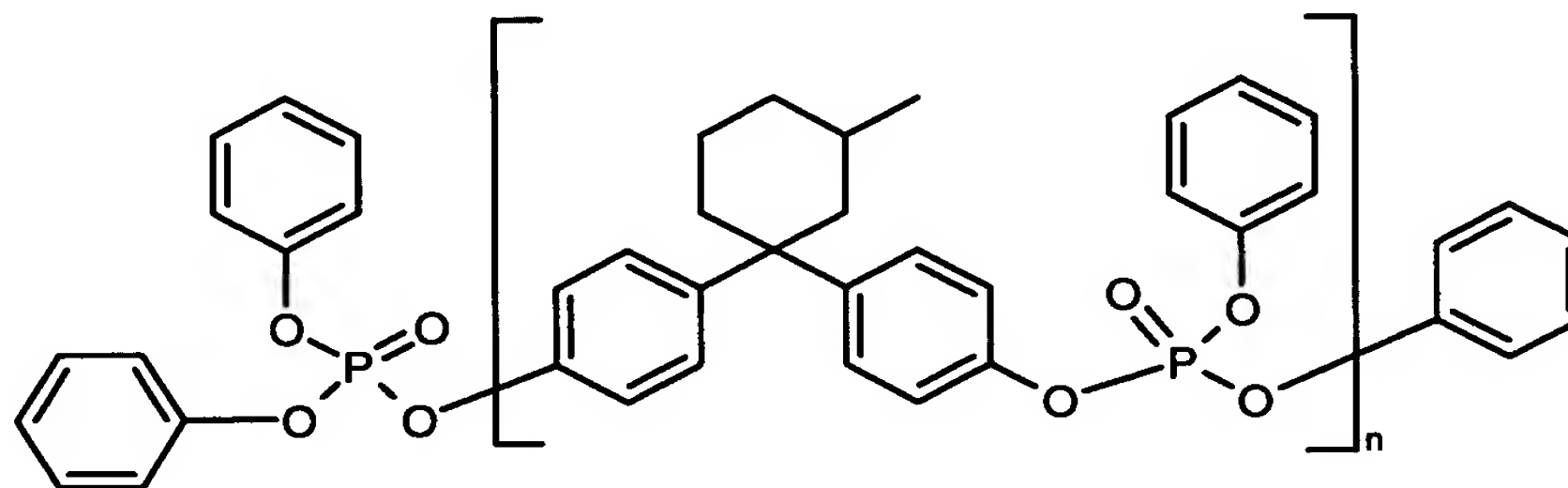
Claim 7 (currently amended). The compound according to Claim [1] 19 conforming to



wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

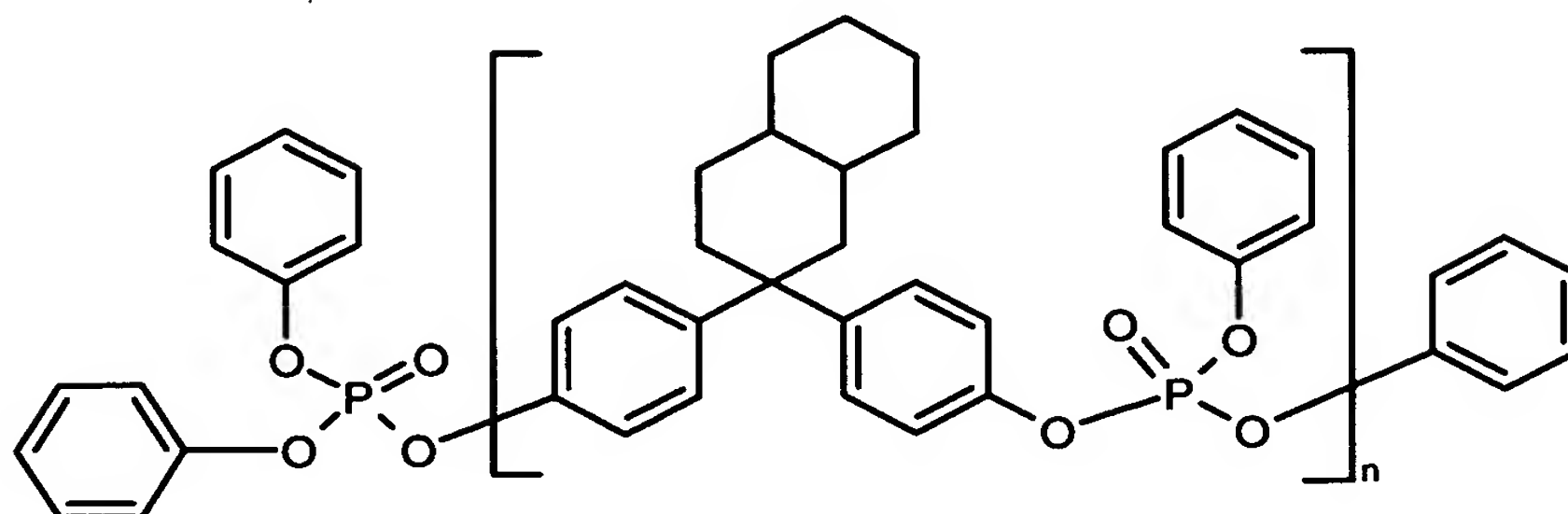
Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). The compound according to Claim [1] 19 conforming to



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Claim 10 (currently amended). The compound according to Claim [1] 19 conforming to



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Claim 11 (currently amended). A thermoplastic composition containing at least one thermoplastic resin and the compound according to Claim [1] 19.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 11 wherein the thermoplastic resin is a member selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate, polyester carbonate, polyphenylene oxide, polyester, polyamide, polyester amide, vinyl (co)polymer and acrylic/butadiene/styrene (ABS) copolymer.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 11 comprising a polycarbonate, wherein, with respect to the weight of the composition, said composition contains up to 50% by weight of a graft polymer comprising 5 to 95% by weight of that polymer of at least one vinyl monomer grafted on 95 to 5% by weight of at least one rubber as graft base having a glass transition temperature lower than about 10°C.

Claim 14 (previously presented). The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 13 wherein the graft base is a member selected from the group consisting of diene-, EP(D)M-, acrylate- and silicone rubber.

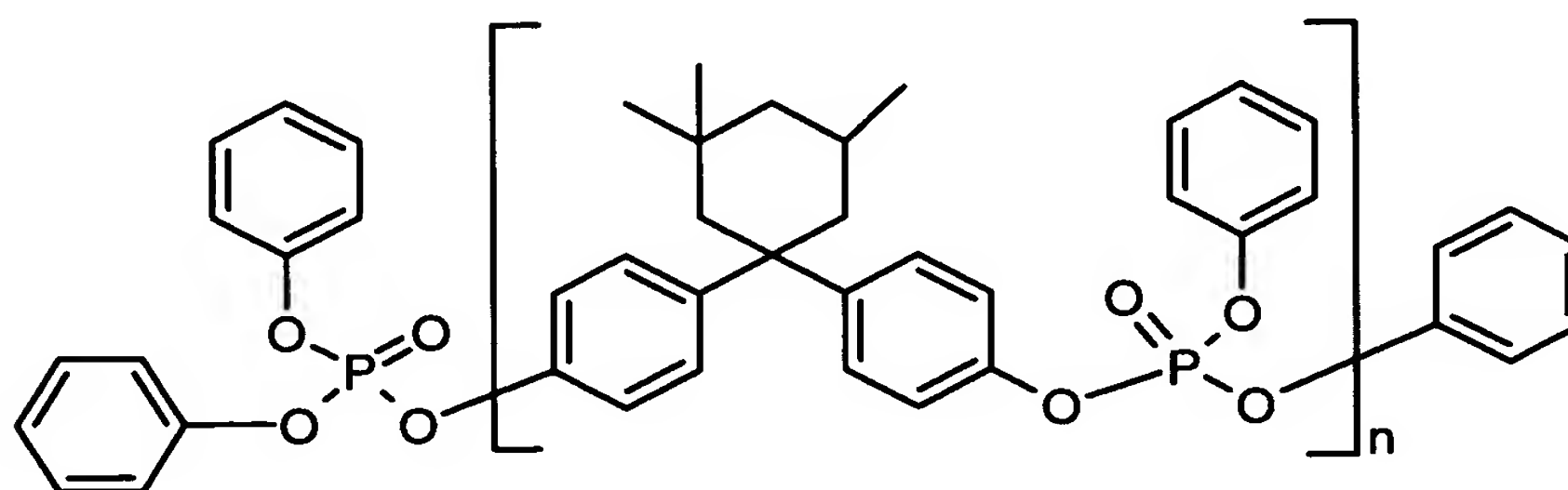
Claim 15 (previously presented). The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 13 wherein graft polymer is an emulsion- or bulk-polymerized ABS or mixtures thereof.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 11 which further contains a fluorinated polyolefin.

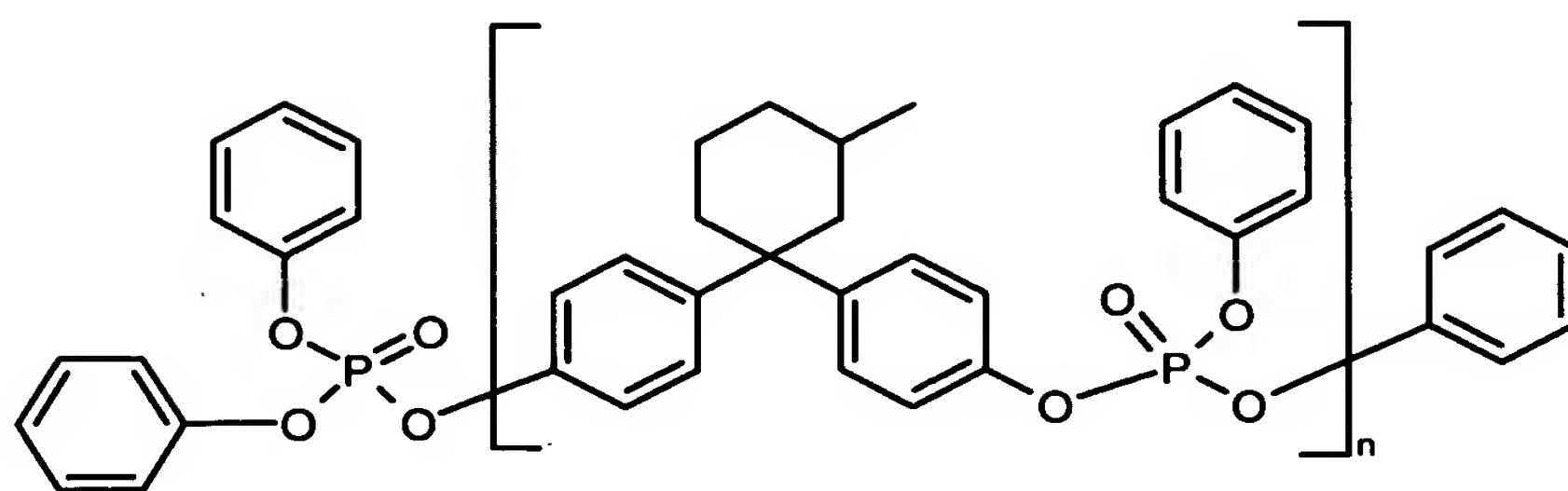
Claim 17 (previously presented). The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 11 which further contains a nano-scale inorganic material or talc.

Claim 18 (previously presented). A molded article comprising the composition of Claim 11.

Claim 19 (new). A flame retarding compound selected from the group consisting of  
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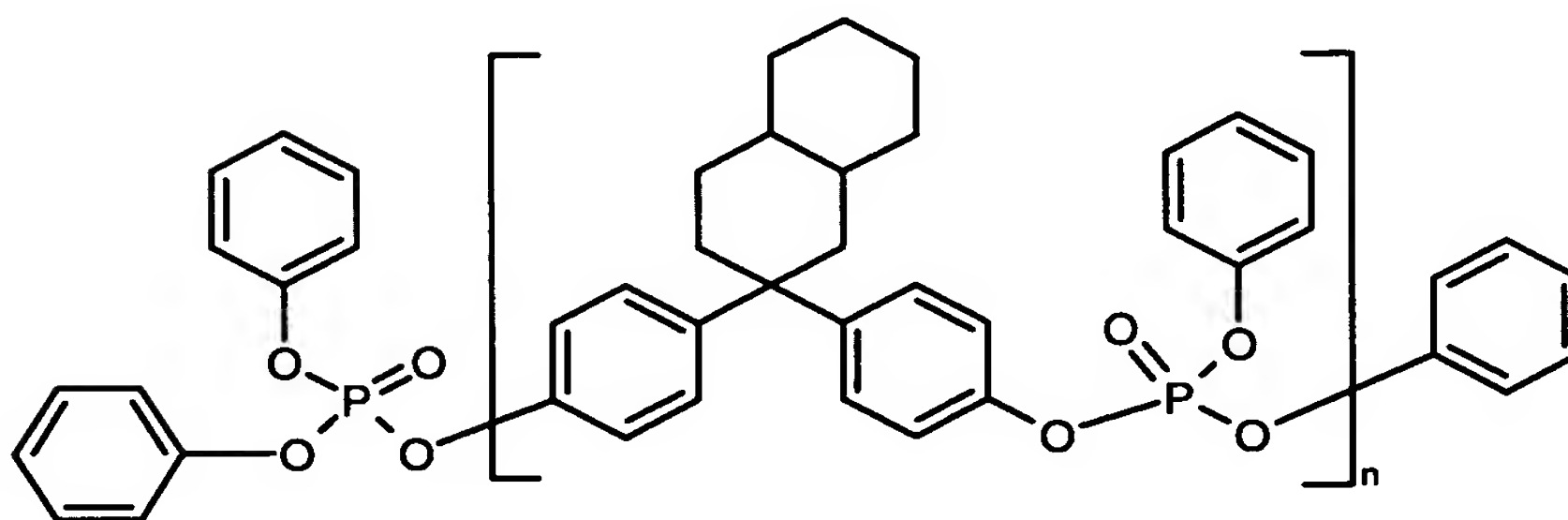


(II)



and

(III)



wherein  $n$  denotes an integer of 1 to 30.